

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cold cathode lamp according to the present invention provide with: electrodes fixed on respective ends of a glass tube; filling a rare gas or a rare gas and mercury vapor in the glass tube; and at least surfaces of the electrodes are composed the nitride, said nitride is composed at least one of titanium (Ti), zirconium (Zr), hafnium (Hf), niobium (Nb) and tantalum (Ta).